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Sir:

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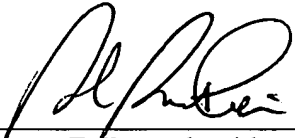
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	1.	2003/0045879-A1	3-6-2003	Minfelde et al.	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	3.	EP-1273270-A1	1-8-2003		Corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,755,830 and U.S. Publication 2003/0045879 listed above	

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	4.	Carbone's Response to European Office Action of April 26, 2005, directed to EP Application No. 02 292 236.3; 9 pages	
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